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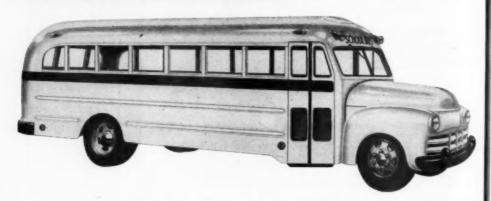


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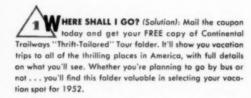
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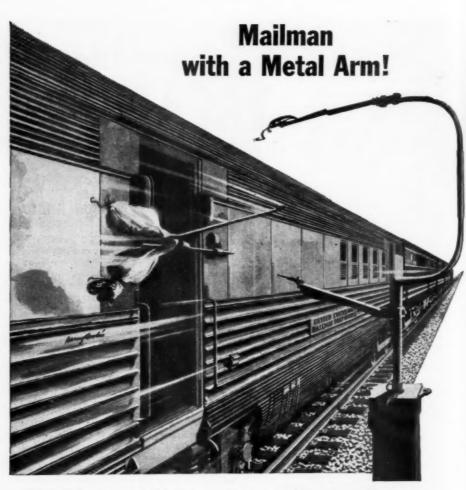
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"The Teaching of Writing" is the subject for the program, organized by the second vice-president, Miss Helen Wheeler, of Central College. To focus the thinking of the group, Dr. Donald Drummond, Director, the Program for Improvement of Instruction in Colleges and Universities, will speak on "What We Know About the Teaching of Writing: Directions for Research." Dr. Drummond will consider the interests of teachers of English in college, high school, and elementary school. At the conclusion of his address the audience will be given an opportunity to raise questions.

At 11:15 three group meetings will be held simultaneously. The Secretary of the M. A. T. E., Miss Martha Jones, of the Sikeston High School, will preside at a panel discussion on "What Is Good Writing? How Do We Establish Standards?" Members of the Panel are as follows: Mr. Winston Weathers of Cottey College; Mrs. T. E. Williams (Willa Ruthe Williams) of the Training School, Southwest Missouri State College; Miss Ruth M. Morrissey, Division of Audio-Visual Education, St. Louis; Miss Ruth Shipley, Milan High School. The panel discussion will be in the Library, Room 2.

Also at 11:15, in Room 1 of the Library, Miss Frances Blosser, of the Marshall High School, will present her sophomore class in a demonstration showing how to motivate writing experiences. Dr. Nadine Overall, English Department, Missouri Valley College, will then direct audience discussion about the demonstration. Dr. Overall is the first vice-president of the M.A.T.E.

The third group is the College Section of the M.A.T.E., which will meet in the Library Club Room and will present a program prepared by Dr. Richard E. Haswell, Southwest Missouri State College; Miss Mattie Dyke, Northwest Missouri State College; and Dr. Ben Fuson, Park College. A part of the meeting will be an exhibit of publications of creative writing from the colleges of the state. All colleges are asked to send, or bring, such publications. Then there will be an exchange of trade secrets among the teachers present. Each person attending will be asked to present the group at least one instructional practice—an assignment, subject, approach, method, or technique-that has proved successful in producing specific improvement in writing.

#### Afternoon Program

At 1:00 the groups will join in the Young Hall Dining Room for the luncheon. The speaker will be Dr. Frank Luther Mott, Professor of Journalism, University of Missouri. He will speak on "Modern Trends in Magazines." Luncheon tickets are \$1.50 and should be reserved by writing to Miss Dorothy White, Business Office, Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri.

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- 8:00 Play, "The Young and Fair," Stephens Playhouse.
- 10:00 Reception, Stephens College.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 22

- 7:00 Breakfast for Discussion Leaders and Officers, Daniel Boone Coffee Shop.
- 8:30 Take Home Ideas Session, Education Auditorium. UNESCO—Elizabeth Rutherford, Cen
  - tral Missouri State College, Warrensburg.
  - Audio-Visual Aids—Robert de Kieffer, Stephens College, Columbia.
  - School Libraries, School Museums, and Historical Societies—James Burkhart, Stephens College, Columbia.
- 9:30 Panel Discussion—"What to Keep or Discard in the Social Studies Course of Study?"
  - Chairman: Buena Stolberg, Webster Groves.
  - Panel Members: Mary York, Harris Teachers College, St. Louis; Arch Troelstrup, Stephens College, Columbia; Dorothy Reese, Ironton; John Ledgerwood, student, Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield.
- 10:45 Discussion Groups, Education Building.
  - A. The Elementary and Junior Highschool Social Studies Course of Study. Chairman: Buena Stolberg, Webster Groves.
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  - C. The College Course of Study and How the Secondary Course is Related to It.

- Chairman: Arch W. Troelstrup, Stephens College, Columbia.
- Panel Members: Dr. Francis English, University of Missouri, Columbia; David Horton, Westminster College, Fulton; John Harr, State College, Maryville.
- D. What I Wish I Had Had in My Course of Study.
- Chairman: John Ledgerwood, Student, Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield.
- Panel Members: Students from State College, Springfield; University of Missouri; State College, Maryville; State College, Warrensburg.
- 12:30 Luncheon, Mezzanine Dining Room, Daniel Boone Hotel.
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# Practical Teaching of Creative Art

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Many art departments don't give the child an opportunity to create through his own ideas and experiences

TO which department of the school do the superintendents, principals, teachers, and students turn to get needed posters and window cards to advertise school events? To get favors and decorations for school banquets? To get party and carnival decorations and tallies for school dances? To get color and design suggestions on booklets, pamphlets, stage arrangements and scenery, parade floats and the like so needed by all school departments?

You need only one guess—the art department of your school. The art department is constantly making and giving design and color suggestions on the school activities that arise from September to May to round out a successful school year.

Yet the practical value of this one department subject is so little understood by many school administrators and other teachers. Too many shy away thinking only a few can do this type of work. This is a mistaken idea as is the one that only those who can draw a straight line can do art work. Those of us teaching in the art field every day realize those not appreciating art activities in their schools do so only through lack of knowledge and understanding. They have not had enough experience with art themselves to see how the art department integrates all others in their schools.

#### Some Art Required

Missouri has taken a step forward in requiring some art courses on the teaching certificates of its teachers. Even one course in art methods or artcraft gives some in sight into the aims of the creative art department. After having had this type of training, many teachers expressed amazement that they couldn't realize the possibilities before taking the course. In studying art, you learn to SEE and not just to LOOK. As we need to be trained in all subjects that we teach, so do we need it in art.

Too often the art lessons consist of

mimeograph, hektograph, or ditto teacher prepared problems. Patterns copied from various magazines are still too much in evidence in many classrooms. Teachers using these types of art lessons are the ones who have not had an opportunity to take art courses that explain how to teach creative art from the child's experiences.

Children have more ideas than they have ever been allowed to use. Let's get them to use their ideas. Creative art teaching not only develops the child but is a timesaver for the teacher. There is no need to spend hours looking for patterns and run-



Holiday posters are always in demand and students enjoy creating decorations like the Nativity scene shown here which was displayed in a city's Christmas lighting contest.

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Art can be correlated with other subjects in the school curriculum. Here is an Aztec calendar made for a highschool Spanish class.

ning dittos; just give the children a chance to produce.

Few are Trained in Creative Art

As many teachers ask me to pay a visit to their classes, it is easy to spot those who have had training in creative art. Here's a late example that happened this school year in Missouri. During the Halloween season, I was in one room that was well decorated in seasonal patterns from magazines. Every motif of decoration was the same as the book. Neatly done, I guess, but too adulty done to have much value for the child. Some visitors would say that was an artistic room, well in keeping with the season. On the other hand, to one trained in teaching creative art, the answer would be the negative. The reason is very obvious. That art teaching is out-moded.

Always in a room like that I pause, think, and feel sorry for the children that are not given a chance to express their own ideas on the many fine holiday seasons we having during the school year. Children in a room such as this are missing the very aim of art, the chance to create, invent, the fun and spirit of making their room attractive with their own ideas. This teacher, not the children, had done the thinking and planning. Whose training

period is it, the teacher's or the childrens'? This teacher overlooked child participation which is one of the general aims of education. Learning is the prime purpose of having schools. The teacher is only the guide to point the way for child development.

Children Develop Own Ideas

In direct contrast to the above example, in another city the Halloween seasonal deocrations were treated creatively. The children were permitted and encouraged by their teacher, who has been trained to teach creatively, to use their own ideas for motifs and compositions. Each had a different conception of Halloween. Each theme was originally developed according to the thinking and judgment of each child. As the child worked, he planned space arrangements, color tones, background areas, and discussed his ideas with the teacher, who pointed ways of improving from the standpoint of design and



Many schools have art students make posters and decorations like the one above used at an ROTC military ball.

color as well as size and shape. The child worked over the arrangements to get the best possible effects, thinking, planning, forming judgments, and in so doing, really learning.

The community profitted by the school art lessons as the students were asked to paint their compositions on store windows in the business district. The superintendent saw the value of these art lessons as a fine way of showing the people of the city what school children can do. It also solved a juvenile deliquency problem. The superintendent realized the projects needed time to be done well and gave the children time to work. The child was delighted to know that he could do something for the public. It was one of the finest public relations projects any school could have. People on the street stopped, looked, and discussed the work of school children in this project.

The aim in creative art today is not making artists out of all taking art courses. But rather to give all in public schools a chance to experiment with various art materials and media that enrich their experiences and produce consumers of art. Consumers of art are artists in the field of appreciation of the present and future art as well as the art heritage of the past.

#### Aim to Develop Understanding

Actually, that is the same aim in other subjects. All are required to take English, but all are not expected to become creative writers or even excellent public speakers, but rather to gain a usable language and deep appreciation of the mother tongue. Take the history courses. All are required for study, but the aim is not to make historians out of all students. Rather it is to develop their understandings and appreciations of the various periods in history. They learn of the past to better understand and appreciate the present and future. So it goes in all the various school subjects of the curriculum.

The school events that arise during the year make a vitalized art program possible. It is more important to use a current class play or a football game as the theme for your poster or window cards in teaching poster making than to set up unrelated themes. These posters are needed and used by all the school. Other theme examples

are artistic parade floats, stage scenery, or carnival motifs for decorations of school activities.

In other words, the well-trained creative art teacher sees the possibilities of practical problems right in the school to use in teaching and practicing various art procedures and techniques required in the course offerings. Students learn to use their art training in everyday life. This creative way of teaching art makes it a part of living now in the school and the community. If a student is taught to enjoy his art work, it will become so a part of him that he will always use it in his school and adult life. This is a carry-over sought in all school departments: Practical learning that can be used daily.

# LET'S LOOK AT THE ATTACKS ON THE SCHOOLS

A monograph of 144 pages entitled "Let's Look at the Attacks on the Schools" has been prepared by a Ohio State University workshop group. It analyzes and evaluates the current attacks on public education. The following charges were studied in the workshop and extensive research data related to them are presented in the publication.

1. Schools are not effectively teaching chil-

dren the fundamental skills.

2. Schools are not developing obedience, respect for authority, a sense of responsibility,

or a sense of the importance of hard work.

3. Schools fail to stimulate competition among students and to reveal to parents the comparative standing of their children.

 Schools are trying to educate many young people who cannot profit sufficiently from such education.

5. Schools have not been effective in interpreting their programs to the public.
6. Schools fail to develop a wholehearted allegiance to the American way of life.

7. Schools are taking over the functions and responsibilities of the home and other institu-

8. Schools are not leading boys and girls to

make a living.

9. Schools have not kept pace with social change.

10. School personnel are incompetent to deal with the complex problem the modern school

The report which was prepared by Dr. Harold Alberty and others should certainly be useful in refuting many of the charges which a few persons are now making in reference to the public schools. The monograph may be obtained from Ohio State University Press, Columbus, Ohio. Price, \$1.50.

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# Report on Teacher Standards Session

# Missouri delegation outlines program for improving teacher education in Missouri

THE 1952 South Central Regional Conference on Teacher Education and Professional Standards met in Oklahoma City January 18 and 19. More than 100 delegates from a five-state region, consisting of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana, spent two days in intensive group discussions covering the six following topics:

(1) The impact of manpower shortages on the schools and implications for maintaining and improving professional standards. (2) Impact of the emergency upon the total school program and implications for teacher education. (3) Accreditation of teacher-education institutions and pro-

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(4)Maintaining and improving teacher morale during a period of tensions. (5) Meeting current criticisms of teacher-education programs. (6) Cooperative procedures within states for upgrading profes sional standards.

#### Missouri's Plan

Each state delegation had three meetings in which its separate problems were discussed. The Missouri delegation outlined the following program.

1. To work for the upgrading of cerification by encouraging local committees to study teacher qualifications, encouraging more emphasis on better professional attitudes for teachers, and relating the quality of certification with salaries.

2. To explore the advisability of setting up a program at a target date which would persuade higher requirements for membership in professional organizations such as

the MSTA.

3. To work for a better program of teacher recruitment through a better public relations program in which more emphasis is placed on the advantages rather than on the shortcomings of the profession, and through P.T.A. organizations.

4. To work for better teachers' salaries by encouraging salary adjustments in line with the recommendations made by the NEA, and through the adoption of the single salary schedule.

5. To study the means of securing additional funds for new buildings and equip-

ment.

6. To re-examine the plan of distribution of state school money to determine the feasibility of teacher qualifications being used to a greater extent.

7. To explore the possibility of improving teacher retirement by including greater benefits for those retiring after a limited period of service, and maximum benefits at

age 65.

The Missouri delegation was composed of Harold L. Lickey, Marshall, chairman; Leland A. Updegraft, Jefferson City, secretary; John Bracken, Clayton; Marvin Shamberger, Columbia; Thurston Hill, Dexter; Amy Rose Shane, Kansas City; Lou Endicott, Joplin; Virgil Cheek, Springfield; Walter Ryle, Kirksville; and Mrs. Lanier Beland, Springfield.

# PROPOSE CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION

Proposed Change in the Constitution of the Department of Classroom Teachers of Missouri State Teachers Association—to be voted upon by the members of the Department at the Annual Conference in Columbia, Missouri, April 26, 1952.

Note: Words to be deleted appear in brackets ] and additions are in bold type.

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#### LAW III—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Section 6—The district representatives shall encourage classroom teachers throughout the state to take an active part in the work of the Department and to maintain membership in the local, state, and national professional organizations. The district representative shall encourage and assist in the promotion of a Teachers' Day Program in the [teachers] state college of the district.

Proposed change received from the Executive Committee of the Department, Lou Endi-

cott, Secretary, January, 1952.



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12.	The Teacher and Public Relations	Irving R. Melbo, D.Ed Professor of Education University of Southern California
13.	Newer Methods of Reporting Pupil Progress	Supt. Virgil M. Rogers, D.Ed. and Director Esther Rupright Battle Creek Public Schools
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16.	How the School Can Educate for Mental Health	Ralph H. Ojemann, Ph.D. Child Welfare Research Station University of Iowa
17.	Trends in Elementary Education	Clarence W. Hunnicutt, D. Ed. Professor of Education Syracuse University
18.	Developing Salary Schedules for Teachers	Irving R. Melbo, D.Ed. and D. Lloyd Nelson, D.Ed. Professors of Education University of Southern California
19.	Developing a Core Program in the High School	Harold Alberty, Ph.D. Professor of Education Ohio State University
20.	The Community College and its Functions	Jesse P. Bogue Exec. Sec'y Am. Assoc. of Jr. Coll. Washington, D. C.
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To borrow these films write to Missouri State Teachers Association, Columbia, Mis-

couri

## Easter Seals—Symbols of Hope

These stamps help provide funds for health and educational services for the crippled

TEACHERS and pupils alike can join this month in an educational venture by learning some of the facts about the Easter Seal and what it represents in most of the communities of Missouri, according to Alberta Chase, director of the Missouri Society for Crippled Children.



Symbol of the work of the 30-year-old National Society for Crippled Children and Adults and its affiliated state and county societies, the Easter Seal is used during their campaign for funds at Easter time. It represents

a variety of widespread services not attempted by other agencies or institutions.

In Missouri, it stands for the Missouri Society for Crippled Children and Adults, a voluntary organization now in its silver anniversary year, which has go local societies or committees in as many counties. Its work is predicated on the sound belief that the best assistance we can give any person is help to help himself, Miss Chase says.

Throughout its 25 year history, moreover, it has given leadership in supporting and expanding resources in the educational, health, welfare, and vocational fields. This has been done on a state-wide as well as a local basis.

Last year nearly \$100,000 was spent in service while an intensive campaign of public education and local development was instituted at the same time with additional money furnished through the Easter Seal. Other funds are secured through gifts and bequests. Some of these are used for scholarships in training nurses, teachers, and other professional people who are needed in any work related to the prevention or correction of deformity or the education of the handicapped.

The president of the Missouri Society is Dr. Frederick A. Jostes of St. Louis, distinguished orthopedic surgeon. Among the well-known Missouri educators who are members of the Board of Directors are: Miss Pauline Humphreys of Warrensburg, Miss Lucy Elliott of St. Louis, Mrs. Nelle Dabney of Kansas City, and Miss Muriel Lomax of St. Joseph. Their support of the work of the Easter Seal agency has had its counterpart among teachers in every county of the state, Miss Chase says.

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### National Citizens Commission Meets

Some 750 educators and lay citizens discuss school-community problems at annual meeting in St. Louis

OVER 750 lay citizens and educators from 33 states convened Jan. 25-26 in St. Louis for a two-day Citizens Assembly on Education, sponsored by the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools.

Highlight of the two-day session was the third annual dinner of the Commission on Friday night, Jan. 25. Speakers were Commission members Dr. George Gallup, director, American Institute of Public Opinion; Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, Washington Post; Leo Perlis, National CIO Community Services Committee; Dr. Charles Allen Thomas, president of Monsanto Chemical Co.; Roy E. Larsen, Commission chairman and president of Time, Inc.; and Henry Toy, Jr., executive director of the Commission.

#### Three Proposals Given

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Dr. Gallup made three proposals in his address which he said might make people

better informed and enable them to understand and respect the viewpoint of other nations.

He suggested: (1) that the quality of education be judged by the quality of the product, (2) that an "international standard of culture" be established so that Americans will recognize achievements elsewhere, and (3) that students be given a lifelong "course of reading and study carefully worked out" upon graduation from highschool and college.

#### Can't Carry Burden Alone

Mrs. Meyer stated that schools can be the focal point of successful community reorganization to meet modern needs, but they cannot be expected to carry the burden alone.



Roy E. Larsen, Chairman, National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools and President of Time Inc., presided at the Third Annual Dinner of the Commission held in St. Louis Jan. 25. Several Missourians were seated at the head table.

### Adults Return to School

LYNN TWITTY, Superintendent of Schools, Sikeston, Missouri

Sikeston school groups set up evening classes so adults can continue 'learning'

THE adults are coming back to school in Sikeston and contrary to the old adage that "old dogs can't be taught new tricks" many of them, the adults that is, are learning things they never learned in elemen-

tary or highschool.

It all came about through the desire of the board of education, the administration, and the diversified occupations department to provide a little more in the way of educational opportunity for the community. "Why should people quit learning just because they leave school?" was the question asked by this group. "Lets do something about it."

So they did. First, the superintendent of schools and the D. O. coordinator for the Sikeston system went into a huddle to discuss ways and means. In order to enlist the aid of the community in the program and to get a better picture of the needs, an advisory committee of laymen was appointed by the board of education. Eight in number, this group was carefully selected to represent a good cross section of the community, possibly with a little honest doubt as to their value in helping set up the program. Contrary to this doubt, however, the committee enthusiastically entered into the planning and organiza-



Shown above is the adult class in Practical Nursing in session at the Delta Community Hospital in Sikeston. This is one of the school sponsored classes. The photographer snapped this group as it was receiving instructions from the Superintendent of Nurses, who teaches the class in the proper method of taking a pulse count. One of the students is the "acting" patient.

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Above is shown a class in Engine Tune-up being conducted as a phase of the school sponsored Adult Education Program at a local garage. The instructor, Ed Boardman, who is shop foreman of one of the leading garages, is showing the use of a motor tester.

tion of the program as well as in setting up the publicity essential to getting underway.

#### Program Well Publicized

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This publicity, issued through the fine cooperation of the two Sikeston newspapers and the local radio station, as well as by word of mouth from board members, school people, and advisory committee members, was copious and thorough. The community was informed that the schools were considering the program, of the setting up of the advisory committee, of some of the curriculum possibilities.

A newspaper article of the "fill out and send in the coupon" type was used to survey the community for interest in specific subjects. Announcements of the classes to be offered, time, place, name of instructor, and other details were made. News items of the organization and membership of the various classes were used. Human interest stories with pictures of classes in progress also helped to publicize the program and create interest in future offerings.

The survey mentioned above indicated a diversity of adult education interests, but the greatest demand was for the two fields of automotive mechanics and business education.

#### A Variety of Courses

Classes in engine tune-up, steering and alignment, and electrical systems were initiated for the auto mechanics group. These classes under the Evening Trade Extension Plan are held at a local garage and taught by a competent shop foreman. All trainees are mechanics and in addition to the teacher, the class includes three

other shop foremen from Sikeston garages as trainees.

Business education classes in typing and shorthand are now in progress and are held both in the afternoon and evening. These classes are taught by instructors from the high school and business education department.

A class in practical nursing, to train a closely screened group to assist in alleviating an acute shortage of registered nurses at the Missouri Delta Community Hospital, is now in progress. These people are taught by the superintendent of nurses at the hospital and are currently employed at the hospital.

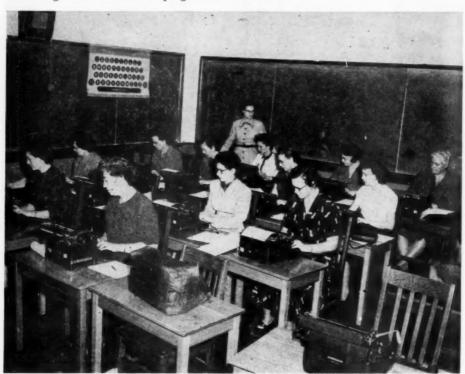
Classes held thus far are primarily vocational in nature and include both reimbursable and non-reimbursable types. An enrollment fee is charged in all classes.

#### New Classes Planned

Although classes now in progress are

mostly vocational in type, the advisory committee has recommended classes of academic, recreational, or cultural nature as the program progresses. Plans are to start these classes as the need arises.

Some 130 adults are currently enrolled and are pursuing with enthusiasm and diligence skills or knowledge which they missed in the earlier and more formal phases of their educational experience. This is in addition to 160 adults enrolled in the veterans on-the-job training program in agriculture under the Sikeston Public Schools. Those in charge of the program feel that it is meeting one of the educational needs of the community and that although no local school funds are available for this purpose, it still remains the responsibility of the schools to provide for the education of all the people, both young and adult, in the area.



One section of the adult typing class being conducted in the Business Education Department of the Sikeston High School. The teacher, Miss Almaretta Sidwell, a member of the department, stands in the background.

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#### Lamar Uses Sportsmanship Thermometer

Lamar Highschool is taking its sportsmanship temperature at home basketball games with a huge, home-made, thermometer-like "sportsmanship indicator." The indicator, which is displayed on the north wall of the gymnasium at all Lamar games, was constructed by W. O. Schuermann's industrial arts department on the suggestion of Al Simoncic, Lamar basketball coach. Materials were financed by the highschool student council.

The degree of sportsmanship and attitude of the players, coaches, and spectators is recorded by the electric device after each quarter of play by the home and visiting coaches, two officials, and either the visiting superintendent or principal. The sportsmanship rating is indicated by lighting of a plastic center on the four foot by nine foot plywood thermometer. Lighting is controlled by a central switch operating six electric bulbs. The reading indicated by the final minute of play of the last home game is used at the start of the next game.

The indicator cost less than \$25 and it took approximately six hours to do the electrical construction, six hours for wood construction, two hours for painting, and four hours for installing in the gymnasium.

The Industrial Arts Club designed and constructed the sportsmanship thermometer during hours outside of school time, according to Superintendent Ted Windes.

### NEW EASTWOOD SCHOOL STARTED DEC. 15

The first complete one-story elementary school in the Raytown school district is now being constructed. Work was started December 15 on the new Eastwood School northwest of Raytown, and the building should be completed by next January 1, according to Superintendent Joe Herndon.

The new building will have more special rooms and more acoustical treatment than other schools in the district. Construction is being handled by the Bennett Construction Company for a low bid of \$411,250, and an additional \$90,000 in furnishings, landscaping, grading, and driveways will be added.

The Z-shaped structure will be located on a 15 acre tract. The right wing of the building will house the kindergarten and two first grade rooms. The central portion provides for eight more classrooms, and the west wing has room for a cafeteria, clinic, principal's office, teachers' lounge, book room, work room, four classrooms, toilets, custodian's quarters, kitchen, and storerooms.

The building is of modernistic design and provides a breeze-way-like loading zone for the children. A ground floor has been constructed under the west wing of the building only.

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W. O. Schuermann, Lamar Highschool industrial arts instructor, shows Superintendent Ted Windes, (left), basketball coach Al Simoncic, and Principal Leon Couch, Lamar's new "sportsmanship indicator." The thermometer-like gadget is used at basketball games to show Lamar spectators how their sportsmanship rates. Coach Simoncic suggested the idea and industrial arts students built the indicator.

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# Schools Can Help Prevent Typhoid

ARTHUR C. MAGILL, Head, Chemistry Dept., Southeast State College, Cape Girardeau

Typhoid germs will cease to be a danger if teachers are ever watchful for sanitary school conditions

A BOUT twenty-five years ago, the National Education Association appointed a committee to formulate and define the objects of public school education. After much careful study, this committee came up with a definite, clear-cut statement of ten fundamental objects.

The striking thing about the list was that improvement of public health was at the top. The thesis was that, without a healthy citizenry nothing else can be of great importance. The dollars and cents cost of illness among our people was financially ruinous and the intangible cost in loss of time, in pain, in human life was sheer tragedy.

That teachers and administrators realized the significance of the statement and did something about it is proven by the following table:

#### DEATH RATE PER 100,000 IN U. S.

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In the year	1900	1950
Diseases of the heart	137	295
Cancer and other		-
malignancies	64	122
Influenza	202	56
Tuberculosis	194	43
Diarrhea and enteritis	143	9
Whooping caugh	12 Less than	2
Diphtheria	40 Less than	3
Measles	13 Less than	1
Typhoid and		
paratyphoid	31 Less than	0.5
Scarlet fever	10 Less than	0.5

Quite a lengthy dissertation could be written on the reasons for the change in each case. For example, it could be pointed out that the decreases have been in the diseases of youth and maturity. The increases are in the diseases of old age. Since we no longer permit people to die while young, they must die when old. The two diseases in which the decrease has been most outstanding are typhoid and scarlet fever.



Arthur C. Magill

#### Typhoid a Killer

Of these two I have been especially interested in typhoid for the past forty years. There are only five water borne internal diseases in the world. All are terrible. Only two, typhoid and dysentary, are found in this country. Forty years ago both were rampant. Typhoid was the great killer. Forty years ago people drank any kind of water so long as it had no bad taste or odor. Today, through the activities of the schools and the State Division of Health, people question any water they drink. They should. While color, odor taste, and other physical properties of water may indicate an unfit water, their absence is absolutely no indication that the water is potable.

While typhoid was found both in town and country forty years ago, it was primarily an urban disease. With the introduction of modern methods of water purification, typhoid moved from the town to the country. Today, rural people are even more

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conscious of the dangers that lurk in their water supply than are their city cousins. During the past forty years, I have tested more than thirty-five thousand samples of drinking water. During the first fifteen years of that period, 90 per cent came from the towns. Today 95 per cent comes from rural communities.

The public schools have always been a focal point for the incidence of typhoid. With the introduction of modern purification plants in the cities, the problem was solved in the municipal school systems.

#### Dangers to Rural Schools

Rural schools however continued getting their drinking water from a well, cistern, or spring on or near the school ground. The wells and cisterns were unused during the summer months. The possibility of contamination was tremendous. Subsurface drainage found its way into the wells and cisterns. Improper covers or no cover at all permitted all kinds of contamination, from dead rabbits to raw sewage, to get into the water. Often the ground surface sloped toward the well instead of away from it. Springs are always dangerous in any modern community. They are open invitations to bad water.

At first the State Board of Health centered its activities on the control of typhoid in the cities. The greatest danger was there. The board did a truly remarkable job in wiping out typhoid there. Today, its successor, the State Division of Health, is doing an equally remarkable job in the rural communities, especially in the rural schools. It has set up a system of district engineers and laboratories whereby its service can easily be brought to the most remote rural school in the state.

#### Teachers Must Move First

It does not have the legal power to force the use of these facilities on any community or school. It probably does not want such power. However, these facilities are there for the use of those wise enough to use them. But the first move must be made by the teacher.

Every teacher should know in what health division district they live. They should make a careful survey of the sanitary condition of their water supply at frequent intervals. Watch the cover on wells and cisterns. Watch the surface drainage.

Study the location of toilets with reference to the well or cistern. See if cistern walls are cracked. If there is any doubt, ask your engineer to make a complete sanitary survey.

If the teachers of Missouri schools will do their part, the typhoid germ around public schools will become as extinct as the Dodo.

#### CARTER AWARD TO MEREDITH HOUSE



Meridith J. House

Miss Meredith J. House of Denver, Missouri, has received the E. M. Carter Memorial Award for this year. The award is given to the person recommended by a committee selected for that purpose by the University of Missouri.

Miss House was born in Worth County and

Miss House was born in Worth County and attended a rural school which she later taught three years after graduating from Grant City Highschool in 1945.

A portion of her undergraduate work was done at Northwest Missouri State College. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree in July, 1951, and was duly enrolled in graduate school during the last semester.

Other teaching experience includes four years in the upper grades at Denver.

Miss House is a member of Alpha Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, an honorary organization for women in education.

Last summer she began her duties as supervisor of third grade in the University Elementary School, a position which she is now holding.

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    - · Activate the pupil to think out every step of the way he takes and train him to rely on himself for the answer.

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# The American School Superintendency

HENRY I. WILLETT, Superintendent of Schools, Richmond, Virginia

Thirtieth yearbook in developing the role of the administrator traces the progress of U.S. schools

TO study the development of the American school superintendency is to consider the impact of social and industrial change upon the way the American people live, think, and act. The story of the superintendency is the story of American education and its progress toward a more complete reflection of the hopes and aspirations of the people for themselves and for their children. The American Association of School Administrators' 1952 Yearbook, "The American School Superintendency," points out these relationships and their

significance.

The superintendent has much the same duties to perform in both rural and metropolitan communities. Superintendents everywhere give time to instructional leadership, general planning, financial administration, school plant management, public relations, and administration of pupil services. The yearbook findings, with responses from rural community superintendents, county superintendents, and city superintendents, show that their responsibilities are much alike. Variations are largely due to differences in number of professional and clerical assistants, amount of available financial and other physical resources, and the legal framework within which the superintendents serve as educational leaders. Basically, all are concerned with assisting the people in their communities to gain the educational advantages of good teachers, good school plants, and a curriculum that meets their needs.

Effectiveness of the superintendent's leadership can best be demonstrated by his ability to organize a team with all members of his staff—principals, teachers, custodians—performing as players rather than spectators. Such leadership does more than give the citizens of the community an opportunity to support the team. It encourages them to get into the game.

The superintendent who serves the rural area and the rural schools of a county is the newest actor to emerge on the stage of the school superintendency. The flowering

of his job is the newest product of America's evolving school system. The reorganized school district, the modern heir to all that was good in the last generation's school consolidation movement, calls for a new type of leadership. The community school superintendent, once hampered by the shackles of tradition, gives play to inventiveness, vision and social engineering of the highest type. Emerging with the community superintendent is the figure of the modern county superintendent, whose role is as far removed from the routine clerical tasks of a century ago as today's America is from the America of prairie schooners and mutton chop whiskers.

The teacher can glimpse from this year-book the power that resides in the super-intendent's dynamic and intelligent leader-ship. The teacher can see better how this power can help gain for the teaching profession its merited position of respect, appreciation, understanding, and financial reward in the community. Usually, no other factor is more important in improving the position of teachers than the leader-ship of a superintendent who possesses character, intelligence, energy, tact and vision. Consequently, the teacher as well as the community has a stake in securing and holding the best quality of leadership.

The AASA yearbook is detailed enough to supply valuable research data for the student of school administration. Previously unpublished data give new insights into the functions of rural community superintendents, county superintendents, and city superintendents. One complete chapter is devoted to the job of county school administration. Another chapter deals with the organization and functions of state departments of education.

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# Secretary's PAGE

#### BEWARE

A luncheon guest at the meeting of the Department of Modern Languages in St. Louis, purporting to be one Dr. R. A. Russell of Ohio State University, requested the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department to cash a check to the amount of \$35.00. This she did. The check was returned. It was discovered that no one by that name was in any way connected with Ohio State University.

#### FREE FILM SERVICE

The Missouri State Teachers Association initiated its free film service to community associations, parent-teacher associations, civic clubs, and other interested groups in 1942. Both 16 mm. and 35 mm. films have been made available, without charge, with the only expense to the user being the payment of return postage.

Four years ago the Association produced a 16 mm. sound color film entitled Education for Democracy based on the publication of the Educational Policies Commission entitled The Purposes of Education in American Democracy. Copies have been available to various groups throughout the country.

Twelve titles, with as many as ten prints for some, are now available. The films are checked and serviced immediately on return. One film was seen by 250,000 laymen during one year. Forms have been developed for use in booking. The reception to this service has been such that further development is planned for next year.

The twenty-four recordings recently made available deal with subjects ranging from the attacks on public schools to trends in elementary education. They are excellent in every sense of the word for faculty meetings, community associations, parent groups and civic clubs.

#### IN BRIEF

Missouri Headquarters at the meeting of the Representative Assembly of the National Education Association in Detroit next summer will be Room 1371, Statler Hotel. All Missourians in attendance are urged to spend as much time at headquarters as schedules will permit.

It is noted from the last annual report of the State Board of Training Schools that not a single juvenile admitted during the last fiscal year had completed high school. Education is a good investment in many

It is encouraging to see many community associations becoming more active and effective.

Results of the state leadership conference last September continue to be evidenced in many places. It is hoped that suitable facilities can be secured for a similar conference next summer at a time deemed satisfactory.

#### OMNIBUS BILL

The General Assembly reconvened on February 25. Surely Senate action relative to the Omnibus Bill, including the additional appropriation of fourteen million dollars for public schools as passed by the House, will follow soon thereafter.

The level of teachers salaries and the rising cost of living make it imperative that salaries be increased. Any additional appropriation will be distributed on the third level and by law go into the teachers' fund of the various school districts.

It costs more to operate and maintain the school plant, and to obtain supplies of all kinds. Additional school facilities are a "must" in many districts. The over-all school financial picture grows more serious from day to day. Advantage must be taken of every opportunity to alleviate it.

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### **Need for State Aid Presented**

Senate members hear many facts Feb. 5 pointing to need for larger state school appropriation

THIS information is respectfully submitted with the thought that it might prove helpful in the Committee's consideration of Section 10.630, House Bill No. 496, appropriating fourteen million dollars for the public schools.

One of the most significant facts of recent years has been the remarkable increase in the number of births beginning in 1942 and continuing to the present. In the year of 1936 the number of births in Missouri was 55,916; in 1951 the number was 93,000. In the five years from 1947 to 1951 inclusive, 152,910 more children were born in Missouri than during the five-year period from 1936 to 1940 inclusive.

Already the schools are feeling the surge of increasing enrollments in the elementary grades. In 1949-50, the first grade enrollment in Missouri was 79,575; the year before it was 74,296. Nationally, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States points out that elementary enrollments will increase a million a year until 1956.

Increasing enrollments require more teachers and greater expenditures even if costs remain the same. However, costs have not remained the same and the schools are faced with serious financial problems.

#### Teachers' Salaries

The largest item of school expenditures is teachers' salaries. This takes between 65 and 70 per cent of most school budgets. The average salary of \$2,686 paid Missouri teachers in 1951-52 is \$604 less than the average in the nation, according to the Research Division of the National Education Association. In teachers' salaries, Missouri ranks 35th. It would require an additional \$14,496,000 a year to pay salaries equal to the national average to Missouri teachers.

The higher salaries paid teachers in other states is reflected by the large number of teachers trained in Missouri who accept teaching positions in other states. In 1951, nineteen per cent of the teachers whose placements were reported by our

state institutions of higher learning accepted positions outside of Missouri. The median salary of placements made in other states was \$368 higher than those made in Missouri, according to information compiled by the Research Division of the Missouri State Teachers Association.

Other comparative information is available which explains the critical teacher situation. The salaries of teachers have not advanced as rapidly as many of the incomes in Missouri.

The largest group of workers in Missouri for which income information is available is the group covered by Missouri Unemployment Compensation. This information is furnished by the Missouri Division of Employment Security. In 1950, this group included 781,750 workers or about 60 per cent of those gainfully employed in the State. While teachers' salaries had increased 108.2 per cent between 1939 and 1950, the average wage per employee covered by Unemployment Compensation in Missouri had increased 129.6 per cent. In 1939, the average wage per employee covered by the Unemployment Compensation in Missouri was \$117 higher than the average salary of Missouri public school teachers. By 1950, this difference had increased from \$117 to \$526.

If the salaries of Missouri public school teachers had increased in the same proportion between 1939 and 1950 as the wages of persons covered by Missouri Unemployment Compensation, the average salary of Missouri public school teachers would have been \$257 higher in 1950, and total salaries of teachers of the State would have amounted to approximately \$6,322,742 more.

#### Per Capita Income Up

Another and more inclusive measure of income that can be compared with teachers' salaries is per capita income in Missouri. According to the United States Department of Commerce the per capita income in the State had increased 188.3 per

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An added factor affecting all school personnel is the increase in the cost of living since the outbreak of fighting in Korea. The November, 1951, consumers' price index was 12.1 per cent higher than for January, 1950. This means that a \$2,400 salary to have the same purchasing power would be increased \$290.

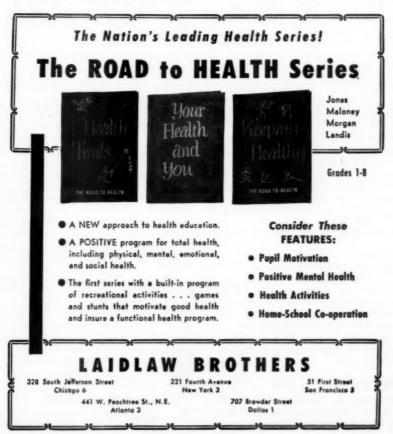
At the present time there is a most critical shortage of qualified teachers in Missouri. Information was received by the State Department of Education on the number of existing vacancies after school opened this year. Reports were received from 399 of the 668 city-school and six-director elementary school districts. One hundred fourteen, or more than one-fourth

of the 399 districts reporting, had one or more vacancies. A total of 292 vacancies existed in the 399 districts.

This critical situation with respect to teachers is the result of the factors previously mentioned: the long continued and increasing disparity between the salaries paid teachers in Missouri and the rest of the nation; the similar disparity between teachers' salaries and other incomes in Missouri; and the increasing pressure of the cost of living.

#### School Supplies Cost More

The cost of school supplies and equipment has increased tremendously. While none of an additional appropriation would go for these purposes, the increased costs do reflect a part of the total financial situation. Typical of this increase in price are the following examples for the school



years, 1950-51 and 1951-52. A gross of writing pencils advanced from a cost of \$1.93 to \$1.74, an increase of 31 per cent; a package of 9" x 12" manila paper from 81 cents to \$1.64, an increase of 95 per cent; floor seal from \$1.05 per gallon to \$1.33, an increase of 27 per cent; a twelve-inch globe from \$17.40 to \$19.15, an increase of 10 per cent; a pupil's eighteen-inch steel desk from \$8.86 to \$11.31, an increase of 27 per cent.

The school building situation is critical in the state. The increasing births with resulting higher enrollments, the difficulty of building during and since the war, and school district reorganization have caused a shortage of school buildings. However, since an additional appropriation would go into the teachers' fund as provided by law, a discussion of school building needs

is not too relevant.

Local school districts are making greater effort to meet school costs. The average tax levy in high school districts has increased 93.3 per cent since 1939 to a level of \$2.01 on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation. Levies in rural districts have increased from 37 cents in 1938-39 to 89 cents, an increase of 140.5 per cent. Local receipts of Missouri public schools totaled \$41,106,051 in 1938-39; in 1950-51 they amounted to \$86,591,000.

State aid has increased and the increase has been reflected in teachers' salaries. The total of teachers' salaries increased a greater amount between 1939 and 1951 than the total of state funds available for teachers' salaries. In other words, local communities are contributing a greater amount for teachers' salaries, in addition to taking care of increasing incidental and building

costs.

While increased funds have been made available, they have not been in proportion to the increase in the income of the people. Between 1939 and 1950 the total income in Missouri had increased 203 per cent. During the same period the cost of education had increased 100 per cent.

Compared to the rest of the nation, Missouri school finance does not present a

favorable picture.

#### State Aid Per Pupil is Low

As reported by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Missouri ranked 36th in expenditure per pupil in average

daily attendance for the school year ending June 30, 1949. Our expenditure was \$170 compared to the national average of \$206. Average current expenditure per pupil in Missouri would have required an increase

of \$19,586,948 per year.

For the school year 1949-50, according to information compiled by the U. S. Office of Education and the Council of State Governments, Missouri's state aid per pupil was \$74.88 compared to the national average of \$95.95. Average state aid per pupil for the school year 1949-50 would have required \$11,200,000 more than Missouri provided.

In ability to support education, as measured by the United States Department of Commerce figures, Missouri ranks 21st among the states in income per pupil enrolled. Missouri ranks 22nd among the

states in per capita income.

In effort to support education, as measured by the per cent of income spent for current educational purposes, Missouri ranked 45th for the school year ending June 30, 1949, according to the report of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. While for the nation 2.25 per cent of income was spent for current educational costs, Missouri spent 1.85 per cent. The average per cent of income devoted to current school costs in Missouri would have increased Missouri's current educational expenditures over \$20,000,000 per year.

Should Missouri follow current practice in the country, an increase in funds from both state and local sources would be required, with the larger part coming from

For the biennium 1949-51 there was set aside for the public schools an amount of This included a \$5,000,000 \$86,620,853. appropriation from the Postwar Reserve Fund.

In view of increasing enrollments, rising costs and the ever-growing difficulty of securing and retaining competent teachers, the public schools of Missouri could effectively use, for the best interests of the children and the welfare of the state, \$98,000,ooo for the biennium, which would equal the average provided from state sources for all the states of the nation for the school year 1949-50.

Respectfully submitted,

Legislative Committee

Missouri State Teachers Association

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> American Junior Red Cross International School Art Program gives young people opportunities to view art from other lands

THROUGH the American Junior Red Cross International School Art Program, young people are sending their works of art as ambassadors of good will to other young people all over the world. Mind is reaching out to mind, and heart to heart through these interchanges of ideas and experiences. Participation in this program is an adventure in friendship, especially appealing to youth. The imagination tingles with the thought of distant places, where it seems that people with sometimes unpronounceable names must be living lives very unlike one's own. When they have the opportunity to see the pictures sent by students of foreign lands, they realize how many interests all youth have in common, however different their language, culture, and surroundings may be.



"Thatched Houses"-Okinawa.

#### What to Paint

Since the program's purpose of fostering international friendship will be furthered by making these young people of various countries better acquainted with each other's way of life, the subject matter of pictures sent from this country will show aspects of American life as the student himself sees it. The student's' picture must be



Hostesses at a recent International School Art Exhibit, held in Kansas City, Mo., where more than 100 pictures were displayed, point out their favorite pictures to Rosemary Beymer, national chairman of the International School Art Program.

an honest and personal piece of creative work. Activities of home, school, and the community offer abundant material from which to choose subject matter for these pictures.

The American Junior Red Cross International School Art Program was put in operation in 1947. During the previous year the Eastern Arts Association had decided upon organizing a project of exchanging artwork with other countries. The American Junior Red Cross had already established a school program of international communication and wished to expand it. To carry out the aim of each, these two groups cooperated in founding the International School Art Program. The work of promoting the program in the schools was sponsored by art educators, while financing and distribution were taken on by the National Children's Fund of the American Junior Red Cross. In 1948-49 the professional sponsorship was taken

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over by the National Art Education Association. Through the combined work of art educators and the American Junior Red Cross and the enthusiastic response of students participating in it, the program has made steady progress.

The Program Grows

During 1947-48, the first school year of



"Father Christmas"-Yugoslavia.

the program, some 3,000 pictures from American schools were shipped to Sweden, France, Venezuela, and Czechoslovakia. In the following year the number of pictures shipped increased by some 2,000.

During 1949-50, 6,000 pictures from schools in the United States and its territories were shipped to 17 foreign countries.

Though many foreign schools are still limited in supplies of art materials, the number of exchange pictures from foreign countries has increased each year. Between 1948 and 1951, exchange pictures were sent to the United States from Red Cross so-



"My Village"-France.

cieties in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Poland, Sweden, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia.

How to Take Part

The pictures of students' personal experiences are due at the local Junior Red Cross office before April 15, matted on 15 x 20 inch or 22 x 28 inch mounts. The pictures may be done in any permanent medium. For specific details concerning the International School Art Program contact the local Red Cross chapter or members of your Regional Art Committees.

Regional Art Committees for Missouri Are:

Midwestern Area Office—St. Louis Ruth Whorl, Chairman, Midwestern Area (Western Arts) Director, Art Education, Akron, Ohio



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70 North Broadway, Akron 8, Ohio Rosemary Beymer, National Chairman, International School Art Program Director of Art, Kansas City, Missouri, Public Schools 1840 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Both foreign and domestic exhibits are available for school use as well as 2x2 inch Kodachrome slides and film strips. To obtain exhibit material, contact your area office at the American Junior Red Cross.

Pictures painted by the young people of many foreign countries have come to this country as a part of the International School Art Program. Only a few of the pictures can be shown here, but each one underlines the value of friendly exchange, and proves that visual art, when inspired by the wish to share experience, furthers international understanding.

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## **Equitable Salary Schedules**

DR. CARL L. PARKER, Superintendent, Flat River Schools

Flat River schools regard services of all teachers of equal worth and should be paid for at an equal rate

A S public education seeks to secure and retain fully qualified teachers, it is important that we pay attention to the development of equitable salary schedules. Flat River has for many years had a single salary schedule for all teachers from kindergarten through the senior highschool. Since we have operated a junior college as an integral part of our school system since 1922, we decided to extend our teacher salary schedule to include the junior college. Our plan provides for the increasing of the salaries of teachers in junior and senior highschools and in elementary schools \$270 in order that they might be raised to the junior college level.

As we report our experience in salary schedule making, it is not done with the idea that we have a model schedule or that we pay our teachers high or even satisfactory salaries. We have found, however, that all of our-teachers in the system have supported the schedule for the following

1. The plan was developed in cooperation with a representative group of staff

members.

2. It was based on locally accepted philosophical principles. We felt that public school teachers at all levels should be welltrained and the Bachelor Degree should be regarded as a minimum. (Our schedule has helped us in providing teachers with this minimum standard of training for our school this year. We believe that it is the first time in the history of our school that every teacher has the Bachelors degree.)

We believe in equal pay for all teachers in relation to training and service, regardless of the division of the school system in which they serve. And we regard the lower division, that is, the elementary grades, as foundations and are attempting to secure teachers for these grades that have training equal to that of other divisions of the

school.

3. A majority of the teachers of our system received an increase in salary, which

made the extended schedule directly profitable to them. We hasten to say that, without exception, our junior college faculty members support the plan because they recognize it as a definite step toward the professionalization of teaching.

4. Some features of the schedule which caused it to be acceptable to a majority of

the teachers are as follows:

No salaries were reduced. All salaries that were above the schedule were "frozen" and were to terminate with the termination of employment with the individuals receiving them. All new employees were to be hired within the salary schedule.

All teachers' services were regarded as of equal importance and, therefore, of equal worth. We do not believe that special pay should be given for special fields of service. We do not think that one subject is of more importance than another, and the children taught are the same individuals as taught by other teachers.

Added increments were provided for added services. If a teacher were asked to do work beyond that of the regular teaching load, provision was made for extra pay, Increments of increase were added for years of service within reasonable limits. We provide for annual increases in salary for a period of six years, based on service.

Service Must Be Good

Increments of increase were not automatic but were dependent upon satisfactory service. If a teacher is placed on probation for unsatisfactory teaching service, she automatically loses her service increase for the period of probation.

There is a wide differential between the pay of non-degree and degree teachers. In our schedule this amounts to \$310. There is no provision for increments of increase "for service" for teachers who are trained below the degree level. The starting salary, therefore, becomes the maximum salary until the teacher increases her training.

All teachers in the system share in extracurricular duties under our single salary plan. 1 college duties a tions, si

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plan. Elementary, secondary and junior college teachers alike are assigned to such duties as collecting tickets at school functions, supervision of school activities, etc.

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We believe that members of our board of education were pleased to adopt the salary schedule because they had a chance to acquaint themselves with the fundamental reasoning upon which the schedule is based. Certain phases of the single salary schedule were presented at board meetings over a period of months prior to the date that the actual schedule was presented. Some of these basic considerations which the board discussed and approved are as follows:

 Good teaching at any level demands qualified teachers.

2. Qualified teachers command a reasonable salary.

3. School directed learning starts in the

elementary school beginning with the kindergarten. Many school systems have required better training for secondary teachers than for elementary teachers, apparently believing that serious attempts of learning did not begin until the secondary level was reached.

4. Efficient teachers and the accompanying efficiency in learning are a good financial investment because they decrease retardation and increase the holding power of the school.

Esprit de corps is essential in a school.It must be developed, and equitable pay for all teachers is one important factor.

6. We recognize that we tax all of the people to pay the teachers and we most nearly serve the children of all of the people in the lower division of our school. Therefore, we should make every effort to provide well-qualified teachers in the lower, as well as in the upper, divisions of our system.



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The building trades class of the Lead Belt Vocational School is progressing nicely with their project. Each year, for the past four years, the class has built a dwelling house as a live project for teaching carpentry.

The first house was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bonne Terre. It was a four room house valued at \$7,000. The next two houses were sponsored by local churches. These houses are valued at between \$14,000 and \$16,000. The present project is being sponsored by the Flat River, Mo., Lions Club and is being built in Flat River.



Boys from the building trades class of the Lead Belt Vocational School apply the tab asphalt shingles to roof of one of the houses their class has built.

The classes, two in number, are composed of junior and senior highschool boys of the schools participating in the Lead Belt Vocational School. The boys spend three hours on the job, or in class, and the other half day is spent in classes in their home schools. For this they receive two highschool units for each of the two years they may spend in the class.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

#### MARCH

- 1 Summer Camp Employment Interviewers Conference, YWCA, 14th and Locust Street, St. Louis, March 1, 1952.
- 14 Missouri Association of Student Councils Convention, St. Joseph, March 14-15, 1952.
- 14 Missouri Art Education Association Meeting, Columbia, March 14-15, 1952.
- 17 Lincoln County Community Teachers Association, all day meeting, Silex, March 17, 1952.
- 21 Missouri Council for Social Studies Meeting, Columbia, March 21-22, 1952.
- 24 Northeast Schoolmasters, South Highway 36, evening meeting, Bowling Green (Ladies' Night), March 24, 1952.
- 27 Midwest Conference on Rural Life and Education, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, March 27-29, 1952.

#### APRIL

- 7 Schoolmasters, Northeast District, Memphis Highschool, 6:30 p.m., April 7 1952.
- 18 Department of Elementary School Principals spring meeting, Columbia, April 18-19, 1952.
- April 16-19, 1992.
   Missouri Association of Teachers of English, annual spring meeting, Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Saturday, April 19, 1952.
   Midwest Regional Conference on Ad-
- 20 Midwest Regional Conference on Administrative Leadership Serving Community Schools, Fargo, North Dakota, April 20-22, 1952.
- 26 Department of Classroom Teachers of MSTA Annual Conference, Columbia, April 26, 1952.

#### MAY

2 Central States Modern Language Teachers Association, Hotel Statler, St. Louis, May 2-3, 1952.

#### NOVEMBER

5 Missouri State Teachers Association Annual Convention, Kansas City, November 5-7, 1952. When When And to Just st And a Then I know

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# Our Teacher POETS

#### PRAYER

DOMETIMES when you feel like quitting, When troubles are piling high; When sorrows come as fast as rain And tears do come with sighs. Just stop and think of all you have And all you have to gain-Then pray a while for what you want I know it will not be in vain. -Arthur Bryant, Centralia

#### MARCH

W ITH PANTING GUSTS the March wind Hurries down the street. All things bend low as it sweeps Majestically past. And the dust swirls high in frenzy As they meet.

In my heart stirs a dream long forgotten. It whirls through my mind seeking mad

The staid thoughts of winter drag it back Crying-Wait!-Wait! My heart swells and urges it on! On, mad March wind!

On, mad dreams of spring! On before it is too late!

-Charlotte Land Sears, Rockville

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Emerging from the dark, cold realm of winter's reign, Spring's growing legions came into

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And won the fields of somber brown

With banners yellow, green, and pink

And red and white. For, Spring and God both knew

That peace and patience through each night and day

Allied with strength and hope divine would gain

A silent, noble victory.

-M. Patricia Cronin, St. Louis



CURVING ROAD

I TOOK A ROAD, that like a game, Curved back part way from where I came, And brought lost sky and lake to view I would have missed in road straight through.

So life will seldom just unroll A path straight upward to our goal; But back and forth, like hit and miss, On easy lane, by precipice,

Lest we pass goals undreamed upon, Behind some veiled horizon.

—Beulah M. Huey, Columbia

#### THINGS I SHALL REMEMBER

HEN FEATHERY SNOWS have whitened the privet hedge

And weighted down the pine and cedar boughs,

I shall remember then, two men who walked

Early this spring behind their straining

Though there are lilies in my garden here And wondrous plants with rare and lovely flowers,

I shall remember most the yellow marigolds

And zennias, in winter's shivering hours. Though I have heard famed singerstalked with men

Who moved a nation with their heart and will.

When daylight fades, in memory I shall see Old David gathering corn upon his hill. The homely things I shall remember best When I have reached the sunset in the west.

-Mae Traller, Everton



Leonard J. Williams, for the past five years superintendent of schools at Marionville, has resigned his position effective at the end of this school year. He will devote his full time to managing a farm he recently purchased.

C. L. Gottmann has resigned his position as superintendent of schools at Monroe City effective at the end of this school term. Mr. Gottmann has been in Monroe City for the past eight years. He will enter the business field.

George Riley, superintendent, California public schools for the past seven years, was recently re-elected to this position at an increased

Estelle Milovich, art supervisor, Ritenour public schools, has been made editor for a two-year term of "Show Me Art," the official publication of the art department of the MSTA.

V. Carl Ilgen, principal, Pershing School, University City, has been named a member of the editorial board for the yearbook of the Department of Elementary School Principals of the NEA. Mr. Ilgen is in charge of the publication of the Thirty-Second Yearbook, which will be published in 1953. It will deal with "Science in the Elementary Schools."

Donald W. Johnson, superintendent of Rock Port schools, was recently given a contract by the school board to continue as superintendent for the 1952-53 school year. This is Johnson's fourth year as head of Rock Port schools. He graduated from Maryville State College with a B.S. in Education and received his Master's degree in School Administration at Kirksville. He is now working on a Doctor's degree in Education at the University of Colorado.

Roy W. Nolte, superintendent, Clinton public schools, reports that three new courses have been added to the group of adult education classes already underway in the Clinton public schools. The new classes organized February I are fly tying and casting, bridge, and a refresher course in shorthand. The new session commenced with 70 adults signed up for classes, according to Superintendent Nolte. All teachers, with exception of the industrial arts teacher, are lay people and none receive any pay for

Louis J. Donati, superintendent, St. James public schools, reports that a reading clinic was held for the faculty of the elementary school on February 7. Miss Virginia Topping, American Book Company consultant, conducted the all-day meeting.

Roy Scott of Windyville has been employed as superintendent of schools at Tunas. He succeeds Mr. G. H. Lott who resigned Janu-

Dorothy Maier of Cape Girardeau has been employed by the Brentwood board of education as a teacher in the fifth grade. The position became open upon the resignation of Miss Elizabeth Slovensky, who resigned during the Christmas holidays to be married.

Mrs. James Peters, teacher in the Cloverdale rural school in Dallas County, resigned her position on January 11. She has been replaced by Mr. Merle Emmert of Hamilton, Texas. Mr. Emmert began his duties January 22, according to County Superintendent Byron Rea.

Mary Ann Deatz, who graduated from Tar-kio College in January, 1952, has obtained the position in the Maryville Highschool of teacher of commerce and history.

Lloyd C. Hickey, principal of the New Lon-don Highschool and teacher of social studies and English, resigned effective January 1. He has been replaced by Mr. Harold Wellman.

Mrs. Allan Wilson, the former Miss Minnie Sickman, a teacher at the Tarkio Highschool, has received the award for the best highschool annual of the year for Missouri from the publishers, Meyer Bros.

John A. Wright, county superintendent, Stoddard County public schools, reports that a county-wide language arts workshop was held at Dexter on January 24.

Mark Hopkins, commerce teacher and one of the coaches at Mexico Highschool, has enlisted in the Navy and has been accepted for Officers' Candidate School. Mr. Hopkins will report for duty sometime this month.

Robert Lynn Jennings, a graduate of the University of Missouri and George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tennessee, has been employed as studyhall teacher at the Mexico highschool.

Mrs. Sally Wyandt Haley, former teacher of kindergarten in the Ferguson schools, is now employed in a similar position in the Clayton system. She succeeds Mrs. Betty Ferguson, who resigned the position in order to accompany her husband to a new position in another state.

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S. Clay Coy has been re-elected superintendent of the Mexico, Mo., public schools by the Mexico board of education for the 1952-53 school term. Coy became Mexico's superintendent in 1950.

The board also voted to set the superintendent's salary at \$5750, a \$250 a year increase.

Mary E. Yates, county superintendent, Stoddard County, reports that Mrs. Frances Walsh, Northeast State Teachers College, is conducting a class in "English and American Masterpieces" at Lancaster for rural and elementary teachers of the county.

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Miss Yates says plans are underway for the annual activity events for rural children of the county to be held at Downing and Queen City sometime this month.

Rex Wyrick, highschool principal and coach at Tuscumbia, has resigned to accept the principalship of the Versailles Highschool. He succeeds John Nelson who resigned last January 1 to become postmaster at Versailles.

Julian C. Aldrich, former Missourian now in New York, was recently elected president of the National Council for the Social Studies.

Ed Street, superintendent, Versailles public schools, has been re-elected to head the system for the 1952-53 year.

James Bullard, a teacher in the Pacific Highschool for the past two years, is serving there this year as highschool principal.

Norbert Zabel, who holds a master's degree from Washington University, St. Louis, is teaching this year in the Pacific Highschool. He serves as instructor in social science and as a counselor.

Gladys Gillum, first grade teacher at Unionville for the past 20 years, has resigned due to illness in her family.

Mrs. Leslie Shelton has been employed as first grade teacher at Unionville elementary school to succeed Miss Gladys Gillum. Mrs. Shelton is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, Kirksville.

Sidney Phillips has been employed as coach and physical education instructor in the Pacific Highschool. He was coach at Warrenton for the past five years and holds a master's degree from the University of Missouri.

Alfred Hoeh is the new teacher of science and general agriculture at Pacific Highschool. Mr. Hoeh is a graduate of Southeast State College and taught his first year in Stoddard County Consolidated School at Bernie.

Helen Rusche, a teacher at Wellsville for the past two years, is now employed as head of the music department at Pacific Highschool. Miss Rusche holds a master's degree from the University of Missouri.

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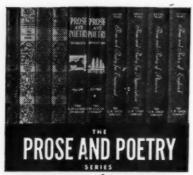
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Victor B. Lowe, superintendent, Ash Grove public schools, reports that the district has recently completed a new music building. It is 32 by 65 feet and of brick construction. Provided for, in addition to an auditorium, are spaces for an office, practice room, storage room and toilets.

George S. Reuter, Jr., of Holden, Missouri, recently completed his work for the doctor of education at the University of Missouri. His dissertation was entitled "The Opinion of the Chief State School Officers in Missouri as to State School Administration." Mr. Reuter, who will receive the degree at the June commencement, was formerly superintendent of schools of District R-8 in Henry County.

## **NEW FACULTY MEMBERS**

SMITHVILLE

Mrs. Naomi White, grade 1; Mrs. Oralee Pinckard, grade 2; Jack Summers, grade 5; Stanley Thomas, coach and social science; Roy Thomas, vocational agriculture; Vern Lawler science and mathematics; Olin Frazier, commerce; and Helen Taylor, home economics.

#### STET

Robert Engelage, Jr., coach and science; Joan Griffith, English and vocal music; Blanche Valentine, grade 3; and Byron Dell, grade 2.

#### PARIS

Carolyn Thompson, art; Lillian Watts, grade 6; Robert Higginbotham, science; Don Thompson, athletics.

#### VAN BUREN

John A. McCoy, highschool principal, English and social studies; Robert W. Lott, business law, speech and librarian; Robert E. Sechrest, science and physical education; Mrs. Leta Bosley, commerce; Dale Montgomery, music; Iva B. Condray, English and special studies; Wanda Whitwell, grade 1; C. D. McKinney, Jr., grade 6; R. B. Johnston, superintendent.

#### BLAND

Juel Caruthers, athletics and science; Mrs. R. Grossenheider, music; Miss Lena Sassman, 5th and 6th, and home economics; Mrs. Logan Steen, rural; Fred Koenig, rural; Leonard Blackwell, rural; L. Watts, rural.

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The Southwest Missouri Administrators Club will hold its regular meeting at Southwest State College, Springfield, on March 8.

Speakers for the occasion will be Mrs. Hazel Ponder, director of teacher placement, Southwest State College, and Dean Willard Graff also of the college.

#### DISTRICTS ANNEXED TO SMITHVILLE

Five districts have been annexed to Smithville school district this year since last August 30. They are the Collins, Horn, Fry, South Gale, and Lott districts. This makes the valuation of the Smithville system \$1,730,756, according to Superintendent H. D. Williams, who is completing his tenth year in the district.

A new type of report card is being used this year at Smithville in the first six grades. A check list is used for the subject areas and character traits and written comments are provided for by both teachers and parents.

#### ADDITIONAL 100% COUNTIES

The following counties have recently reported 100% enrollment in the Missouri State Teachers Association: County County Superintendent

J. H. Brand James Russell Felton Crawford . Douglas ..... Nodaway ..... Pettis .... Vernon .

#### COVER PICTURE

This month's cover picture features a mural on the barn of the farm home of one of Missouri's renowned contemporary writers Homer Croy.

Croy, a skilled interpreter of the Missouri rural scene, is the author of "Boone Stop," "Turkey Bowman," "West of the Water Tower," "Country Cured," and other best-sellers.

It was on this farm near Maryville that the author was born in 1883.

Photo courtesy Missouri Division of Resources and Development.

#### RURAL BOARDS ADOPT SICK LEAVE POLICY

The Newton County Community Teachers Association has approved a minimum sick leave policy for rural schools. The policy was presented to rural boards of the county at a meeting Jan. 17 and adopted.

The new plan calls for five days sick leave for each teacher for the following reasons: (1) illness; (2) quarantining of teacher; (3) illness or death in teacher's family. Any unused por-tion of the five days may be allowed to accumulate each year to a total of 15 days.

The Association also discussed a plan to provide substitute teachers and the board set a minimum daily wage for teachers.

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#### HONOR DEAN R. Z. WILLIAMS

Faculty members of the Missouri School of Mines recently honored Associate Dean R. Z. Williams who resigned Jan. 23 to take over new duties as executive vice-president of the Rolla State Bank.

## INVITE SCHOOL BOARDS TO MEETING

The Macon County Schoolmasters Club, which holds regular meetings on the second Monday night of each month, has invited members of the boards of education in the county to their March dinner meeting.

to their March dinner meeting.

A speaker from the State Department of Education will be present for this meeting, according to Superintendent Eldred Sage of Atlanta.

The meeting will be held at LaPlata Highschool.

#### SCHOOL HONORS CUSTODIAN

Patrons of the consolidated school at Jamestown recently honored their custodian at a special "Mr. Kirchoff Night." Mr. Kirchoff had served in his position as custodian for 18 years before he was forced to retire because of illness.

Mr. Paul S. McKee, superintendent of schools, says he performed his duties in a highly creditable manner in spite of the fact that he was handicapped by having only one arm.

The following poem, written by Elsie Steiner, treasurer of the local Parent-Teacher Association, and a former teacher in the highschool, was read honoring Mr. Kirchoff.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MR. KIRCHOFF

Mr. Kirchoff—"Charlie" to most— We're gathered here tonight To tell you that we're thankful As in praises we unite.

You had no easy task to do
When serving all these years.
You picked up papers, swept the floors,
And washed off blackboard smears.

You knew which switches worked which lights When classes gave their plays; You knew where things were stored For use on other days.

You mended desks and doors and chairs, And built some cabinets, too. There wasn't a day that passed away But something depended on you.

We can't enumerate all the ways You've served the P.T.A For all these little things we know We never can repay.

But here are thanks from all of us And a wish that's most sincere That you will well and happy be With Mrs. Kirchoff many a year. BON

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I imesThe school district of Riverview Gardens, St. Louis County, on January 26 approved a school bond issue for \$367,000. The vote in favor of the issue was 1677 to 121.

The patrons of the school district were wellorganized and worked diligently before the election day and on election day for the pasage of the issue, according to Superintendent E. M. Lemasters.

## WRIGHT CITY TO DEDICATE BUILDING MARCH 7

The recently completed new addition to the Warren County R-7 school will be dedicated on Friday evening, March 7. Mr. Hubert Wheeler, commissioner of education, will be the principal speaker according to M. M. Freeman, superintendent of schools.

Recent additions to the elementary staff at Wright City are Mrs. Lola Fiedemann and Mrs. Harry Trout.

#### TEXTBOOK ASSOC. ELECTS H. G. GRAMSTAD PRESIDENT

Hubert G. Gramstad, Glendale, was elected president of the Missouri Textbook Men's Association at a business-luncheon meeting Jan. 11 in Columbia.

Other new officers are: 1st vice-president, Roy Townsend, Kansas City; 2nd vice-president, Forrest Moore, Springfield; secretary-treasurer, Don Chaney, Columbia; members of the executive committee, Paul Vaughan, Columbia; Fred L. Spees, Columbia; and R. H. Weaks, Clayton.

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Ray Roberts, of the State Department of Education, spoke on the new elementary course of study for Missouri at the meeting.

#### RADIO TRAINING GIVEN BUFFALO STUDENTS

Twenty students in the speech and communications class of Buffalo Highschool, are putting on daily a surprisingly professional series of one-hour radio programs.

The students broadcast on their own radio station, KBHS, an 8-watt "wired wireless" transmitter which reaches most of the homes in the Buffalo area. The programs are taperecorded and presented five days a week from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

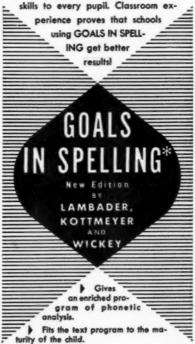
Richard King, instructor of the communications class is responsible for these activities. King added the radio work to his class to aid in his students' speech development. He put together a transmitter, record turntable, a cabinet unit and then left the operation of the station up to student engineers.

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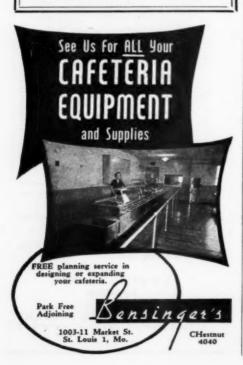
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King figures that many students may have found their life's work through this project. He hopes to be able to add some television training to his speech program in the future.

## MUSIC EDUCATORS TO MEET

"Music in American Education" is the theme of the biennial national convention of the Music Educators National Conference scheduled to meet in Philadelphia, March 21-26. Special highlights of the program include an opera workshop in cooperation with the Metropolitan Opera Company at which will be broadcast two 15-minute intermission periods of the regularly scheduled Saturday afternoon broadcasts of the opera company. Among the musical groups to participate on the program are: Army Air Force Band, Cornell College Choir; Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Howard University Choir; Oberlin College Orchestra; the Philadelphia Orchestra; Temple University Choir; University of Michigan Band; and the Westminster Choir, Princeton, N. J.

#### JACKSON COUNTY TO HOLD APPLICATION DAY

The second annual teachers application day for Jackson County schools will be held on Saturday, April 5, at the William Chrisman Highschool Building, 709 West Maple, Independence, Missouri, starting at 10:00 A.M. according to H. M. Clements, county superintendent of schools.

The purpose of the day is to provide an opportunity for teachers of this state interested in jobs in Jackson County to interview the administrators of the schools of the county.

In the afternoon at 3:00 P.M. plans have been made for a social hour, tea and mixer, for out of town guests. It is hoped that all who plan to make application will budget their time so as to take advantage of the social hour.

If further information is desired, communicate with H. M. Clements, county superintendent of schools, Independence, Missouri.

#### BUTLER TEACHERS DEGREE HOLDERS

The Triple A Butler school system is one of the state public school systems that has degree-holding teachers from grades 1 through 12 without exception, according to H. J. Haberaecker, superintendent.

All elementary teachers have degrees in elementary education, the elementary principal has his Masters degree and is working on a Doctorate in Elementary Education, the high-school principal has his Masters degree in secondary education, and 54 per cent of the high-school classroom teachers hold the Masters degree.

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All "combination" rooms in the Butler system have been eliminated and no class size is over 32 in one grade room. Twenty-six is the average class size. The school has recently added a full-time librarian, a speech correctionist, a driver education course, D. O., and industrial arts courses. Butler now offers 51 units of highschool credit compared to 34½ units four years ago.

A recent building program has modernized the school, relighted classrooms, remodeled the gymnasium, and added a new vocational agri-

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Douglas school, the colored school, was also completely reworked and modernized.

#### PDK CHAPTER MET AT DEXTER

The Southwest Missouri Alpha Upsilon field chapter of Phi Delta Kappa met at Dexter during the month of February. The principal address was given by Mr. H. Byron Masterson, superintendent, Kennett public schools. Mr. Masterson's subject was "Improvement of Instruction."

## GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPLETED

The Grandview Consolidated school district recently completed an eight-room elementary building erected at a cost of \$115,000, according to Superintendent Jess L. Taylor.

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The building includes six classrooms, allpurpose room, cafeteria and kitchen, health
room, and office. It is now housing 265 chil-

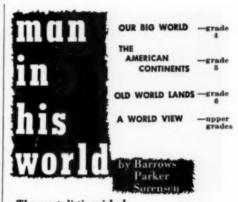
dren in grades 1-3.

The district at the present time is constructing an auditorium-gymnasium addition to the modern highschool building erected in 1949. The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 2000 while the gym will comfortably seat 1500. Space will also be included to provide for four additional classrooms and a board of education office.

## LIBRARY SERVICES BILL BEFORE CONGRESS

The Federal Library Services Bill, the passage of which will do much for the improvement and development of library service in Missouri, and which would assist the state in bringing books and other educational materials to children and adults in rural areas, may be called up at any time for debate by the U. S. Senate, and is known as Senate Bill 1452. It will also come up for a vote in the House of Representatives after hearings have been held on the bill. If passed, the Library Services Bill will make available to Missouri \$188,000 to be used over a five-year period, provided the state together with local governmental units will match this amount with their own funds. This bill leaves the administration of the funds entirely in the hands of state and local officials.

There are still 1½ million people in Missouri without access to public library service; most of these live in rural areas. Only 38 out of 114 counties have complete library service. Most of Missouri's small public libraries have inade-



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quate funds from local and state taxes with which to provide good library service.

This bill has the endorsement of the Missouri Library Association, the American Library Association, the National Education Association, General Federation of Women's Clubs, American Home Economics Association, American Association of University Women and other organizations.

Those interested in supporting the passage of this very much needed legislation should write their senators, James P. Kem and Thomas C. Henning, Jr., and their other congress-men. In the House of Representatives the Library Services Bill has been referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, of which Graham A. Barden of New Bern, North Caro-lina, is chairman. Leonard Irving of Inde-pendence, Missouri, is a member of this com-

#### NEA SELECTS WILLIAM G. CARR NEW EXECUTIVE-SECRETARY

William G. Carr has been selected by the Board of Trustees of the National Education Association as the new NEA executive-secretary. Dr. Carr will succeed Willard E. Givens who retires August 1 from the position he has held since 1935.

The trustees were unanimous in inviting Dr.

Carr to fill the executivesecretaryship according to A. C. Flora, chairman of the NEA Board of Trustees. The post is one of the most influential educational jobs in the world today.

Dr. Carr has been associate secretary of the Association since 1940 and secretary of the Educational Policies Com-mission of the NEA and the American Association of School Adminis-



William G. Carr

trators since 1936. He has served as general secretary of the World Organization of the Teaching Profession since

The new executive-secretary has been with the NEA since 1929. He has done a great deal of research, policy, and international relations work for the Association and has been a teacher in public schools and numerous colleges and universities.

As consultant to the United States Delega-tion of the United Nations, he worked effec-tively for the creation of UNESCO. He was deputy secretary of the Conference on Educational and Cultural Organization in London in 1945, and in 1947 he was advisor to the United States delegation at the second conference of UNESCO in Mexico City.
Dr. Carr is the author of numerous books

and articles on international relations, school finance, and school administration, his latest being " in 1946

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The new executive-secretary will head a staff of more than 400 persons in the Association's Washington offices. He will manage the world's largest professional organization which now includes in its membership 450,000 educators joined to improve the education of children, and to serve the economic and professional interests of the members of the teaching profession.

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The Annual Conference of the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association will be held on March 13, 14 and 15, in Omaha, Nebraska. The primary concern of the conference is with the techniques of adult education that have been found to be successful throughout the Missouri Valley region.

out the Missouri Valley region.

Dr. Howard McCluskey, president of the newly-formed Adult Education Association of the United States, is the headline speaker. Dr. Robert Blakely, western representative of the Ford Foundation Adult Education Fund, will also appear on the program.

Conference headquarters is the Hotel Fontenelle with the first general session on March 13 at 1:30 p.m., and the closing general session

on Saturday morning, March 15.

Inquiry or request for further information should be addressed to: Dr. Donald Emery, University of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska.

#### CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCHOOLS FORMED IN SIKESTON

A Citizens Advisory Council for schools has been appointed in Sikeston to bring about closer liaison between the community and the schools and to assist the board of education in planning and maintaining adequate educational facilities, Superintendent Lynn Twitty announced recently.

Twenty-two people, representing the entire school district, were appointed to the group by the board of education. The Committee held its first meeting February 6 with members of the Board and the school administration, and the purpose of the council and possible problems for its consideration were taken up.

One of the first problems for study by the Council will be a survey of the school buildings of the system and their relation to the educational needs of the community. Sikeston's rapid growth and the consequent increase in school population have made this problem a matter for concern. All children are being schooled in comfortable buildings at present.

A member of the Sikeston board af education said in reference to the Advisory Council, "Schools and Education are the business of all the people. Through the creation of this Advisory Group we are providing a situation whereby we may all plan and work together to provide the best in educational opportunity for our children."

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A lunch room was constructed in a converted coal bin with all of the labor for remodelling being donated to the school. More than half of the highschool enrollment of the district is non-resident and close to half of the elementary enrollment is also non-resident.

## EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FOR GI'S

According to instructions recently received by the Veterans Service Committee, University of Missouri, from the St. Louis Regional Veterans Administration Office, teachers attending summer school under the GI Bill of Rights will be required to present a certification of full-time teacher employment during the 1951-52 school year.

This certification is to be a notarized statement from the school principal, superintendent, or chairman of the school board. It is to be presented at the time of enrollment and is to be attached to the re-entrance forms that will be forwarded to the Regional Veterans Administration Office.

## COLLEGE ANNOUNCES TEACHER PLACEMENTS

The director of field services of the Northwest Missouri State College, Mr. Everett Brown, has announced the following teachers have been placed in new teaching positions this year. The names of the individuals and their respective positions are as follows: Joan Jones, rural, Skidmore; Sue Thompson, English and commerce, Mercer; Dick Morrison, coach, Quitman; Jo Ann Taylor, vocational home economics, Skidmore; Dean Hoshor, industrial arts and mathematics, Garden City; and Bill Sipes, mathematics, Milan.

## SCIENCE TEACHERS MEET IN POPLAR BLUFF

Some 100 teachers and students of science in Southeast Missouri highschools gathered Feb. 2 in Poplar Bluff for the mid-year meeting of the Southeast Missouri District Teachers Association.

M. Luther Haas of Cape Girardeau presided over a program of discussions and scientific demonstrations prepared and given by students of the various schools. The group also enjoyed an afternoon tour of the Poplar Bluff Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Schools participating in the meeting were: Poplar Bluff, Central High of Cape Girardeau, College High of Cape Girardeau, Bloomfield, Marquand, Illmo-Fornfelt, Sikeston, and HolEYE

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#### 100% Enrollment in NEA

The following schools have reported 100% enrollment in the National Education Association for their faculties this school year. The year they began this perfect record is indicated when available. This list furnished by the National Education Association is in addition to the list published in the January issue. It takes into account memberships recorded at NEA headquarters on January 1, 1952. We will be pleased to learn of schools completing enrollments since then.

School	Superintendent
Affton (1950)	Charles J. Mesnier
Anderson (1948)	W. A. Vanek
Berkeley (1947)	T. L. Holman
Buffalo (1949)	D. A. Mallory
Cabool (1943)	
Cape Girardeau (1951)	L. J. Schultz
Clayton (1924)	John L. Bracken
Clinton	
De Soto	Harry Talbot
Eldon (1948)	B. W. Robinson
Ferguson (1948)	V. C. McCluer
Flat River	Carl L. Parker
Frankclay (1951)	O. F. Forbes
Goodman (1951)	
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Independence (1951)	L. G. Keith
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Kirkwood (1937)	Floyd Hendricks
Knox City (1951)	Lester M. Kraft
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Lamar (1948)	T. R. Windes
Liberty	Raymond Brock
Louisiana	
Maplewood (1945)	E. R. Adams
Mason Ridge (1950)	
Maysville (1950)	B. W. Sheperd
Mehlville (1950)	
Mexico (1950)	
Niangua (1948)	
Normandy (1939)	Ward E. Barnes
North Kansas City	H. W. Schooling
Novinger	Harley J. Wendt
Osceola (1951)	
Poplar Bluff	George R.Loughead
Sedalia (1920)	
Sikeston (1950)	Lynn M. Twitty
Southwest City (1950)	Carl W. Prier
St. Charles	Stephen Blackhurst
St. Joseph (1918)	
St. Louis	Philip J. Hickey

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Schools in the following towns have also completed their 100% enrollment: Pacific Senior Highschool.

Washington Highschool. Oak Grove School, Springfield. Windsor School, Kimmswick.

Adair County (rural), County Superintendent Mrs. Stella Hills.

Ralls County (rural), County Superintendent W. T. Crawford.

Three people who have recently secured NEA life memberships in this state are Josephine Heuer, Lewis W. Stoneking, and N. D. ogelgesang

Total NEA membership in Missouri as of January 24 was 12,195 compared with 11,278 at the same time last year. This increase of 917 members leaves us still short of our 14,116 goal for the year. Please send your dues of \$5 to National Education Association, 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

#### ASK CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Ridgeway school district of Bethany recently asked for construction bids for a new elementary and highschool building. Architect's plans have already been approved.



#### COMPULSORY RETIREMENT

Compulsory retirement provision for members of Public School Retirement System remains ineffective until official termination of World War II.

#### SECRETARY SALARY

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#### CHARLES F. RIDDLE

Charles F. Riddle of Polo, Missouri, a leading Missouri educator for many years, passed away January 7 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Riddle served as instructor of science and mathematics at the School for the Blind in St. Louis for eight years prior to his resignation three years ago on account of ill health. He and Mrs. Riddle went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, two weeks prior to his death to spend the winter months with their daughter, Mrs. Howard Green.

#### JULIA MILLER

Miss Julia Miller of the Blackberry Lane public schools, died on December 9. She had taught for five years in the Jackson Park School before a serious illness made necessary a two-year leave of absence. Her co-workers characterized her as a vital, creative, and attractive teacher, who was loved and respected by her pupils and fellow teachers.

#### FRANK E. DENNIE

Frank Edward Dennie, 66, first director of physical education at Missouri School of Mines and for more than 40 years a faculty member, died Jan. 15 of a heart ailment at the Phelps County Hospital.

County Hospital.

Prof. Dennie was born in Concord, Mass., and educated in the public schools of Brockton, Mass. He was graduated with an engineering degree from Brown University in 1909, and was chosen as an all-American football end while at Brown.

Prof. Dennie was football coach and athletic director at the School of Mines until 1928 when he was appointed assistant professor of mathematics. In 1931 he was appointed associate professor in this department.

#### PERRY EADES

Perry Eades, former teacher in the Maryville and Trenton, Mo., grade schools, died Nov. 30 after a brief illness at the home of relatives in Evansville, Ind.

Mr. Eades was principal of the Cheyenne, Wyo., grade school for the past six years, and for a number of years taught in schools at Okmulgee, Okla.

#### MRS. FRANK SCHMIDT, SR.

Mrs. Frank Schmidt, Sr., of Slater, teacher in the Saline County rural schools, passed away Dec. 31, 1951, at the Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall, Mo., after an illness of three months.

Mrs. Schmidt was educated in the Centennial rural school, Slater Highschool, and Missouri Valley College, Marshall.

She was one of the most efficient and highly regarded rural teachers in Saline County. Altogether she taught 25 years, having returned to the profession nine years ago to help out in the teacher shortage.

## HAYTI TO COMPLETE BUILDING PLANS

The Hayti board of education has ordered plans and specifications for the last two units of a building program started in 1949. The units will be an auditorium-gymnasium for the colored schools and an auditorium-lunchroom for the elementary school.

In 1949 the district voted bonds to the legal limit for the district in addition to a \$1.00 building levy for a term of four years. Since then, 12 classrooms have been erected, and modern restroom facilities at the colored school have been installed.

After completion of the building program, a complete survey of the community to determine present location of pupil population and future pupil population will be made to prepare a long range plan for any further needs for adequate school facilities.

#### DO YOU KNOW?

Last year was the tenth anniversary of the School Savings Program of the United States Treasury. This program originated in Missouri and started September 1, 1941. Among today's high school pupils are many that have been investing regularly in Savings Stamps and Bonds for the ten years since that time, thus helping their country and themselves to a brighter future.

Do you know of any Ten-Year School Savers? The Schools Section of the Missouri Defense Bonds Division will appreciate your help in locating any of these veteran school savers, as some type of national recognition is being planned for them. Send their names and addresses, if possible, to the Missouri Defense Bonds Division, 330 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

## U.N. STUDENT CONTEST OFFERS PRIZES

Missouri highschool students will have a chance to compete for college scholarships, cash prizes, and a trip to Europe by taking an examination March 27 on the United Nations and related problems.

The American Association for the United Nations is sponsoring its 26th annual United Nations National Student Contest at this time. Registration for the examinations must be handled by a teacher in any highschool which has a student or students who desire to enter the contest.

Besides the national prizes which include a trip to Europe or \$500 to the first place winner, \$100 to the second place winner, and college scholarships to the top 14 contestants, local prizes are being offered by many states and cities. In Missouri, there are no money prizes offered, but \$10 in books is awarded to the best state entry in the contest, and \$5 in books is given to the second best entry. Also the same awards are made to the top two entries from St. Louis area highschools, and a special prize of \$10 in books is offered annually by H. Lorine Pickett, Executive Secretary of the

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Missouri UN Association, to the top ranking student in this area.

Teachers can secure contest regulations, examinations, and free study material for the tests by writing the American Association for the United Nations Inc., 45 East 65th St., New York 21, N. Y.

Last year 2652 highschools competed in the contest. Missouri state winners came from Shelbina High, Central High, Kansas City, and St. Brendan High, Mexico. St. Louis area winners were from Webster Groves High, and the Academy of the Visitation, St. Louis.

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Many interesting vacation jobs will be available again this summer in the 32 Girl Scout camps which will be operated in the Covered Wagon Region. The six states in the region—Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Wyoming—offer a wide choice of scenery and recreational opportunities to teachers seeking vacations-with-pay.

Detailed descriptions of all of the camps are given in a directory which may be secured by writing to: Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., National Branch Office, 4550 Main Street, Kansas City 2. Missouri.

Some of the types of jobs available are: Camp director, unit leader or counselor, waterfront director, food supervisor, health supervisor, business manager, program consultant in music, dramatics, camperaft, arts and crafts, nature, horseback riding and pioneering.

#### RADIO PROGRAM PRESENTED BY HARRISONVILLE

About 35 students from the Harrisonville Highschool sophomore English classes presented a radio program recently over station KDKD, Clinton. The program was a radio play on "reading."

The students dramatized "Lorna Doone" by Blackmore and "Lieutenant Lady" by Bess Streeter Aldrich; discussed how to learn to read, and talked over illustrations of literature from various books. The program was taperecorded in the school classroom and mailed to the studio for broadcasting.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY CTA

The Lawrence County Community Teachers Association has been holding professional meetings for the benefit of its membership. One meeting was held December 3 in the Aurora Highschool auditorium. Music for the evening was furnished by the Aurora Highschool students.

"The Distribution of State Money" was discussed by Mr. J. H. Bailey, superintendent of schools, Aurora.

Dr. A. M. Alexander, superintendent of schools, Mt. Vernon, talked on "Teacher Retirement."

The last meeting held by the group was at Pierce City on February 11 according to Delores Bowles, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

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#### ADOPTS 6-6 PLAN

The Grundy R-7 school district surrounding Laredo has adopted the 6-6 plan of organization for the school year according to Superintendent Lloyd Marshall.

Home economics is being added to the curricular offerings beginning next September.

Faculty members already re-elected for the next school term include Lloyd Marshall, superintendent; Calvin Deck, principal and English; Willard Meeks, science and social science; Mrs. Virginia Kercheval, commerce; Mrs. Mildred Rensch, fifth and sixth; Mrs. Fay Marshall, third and fourth; and Mrs. Maxine Hacker, first and second.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

Entries for the seventh annual National Highschool Photographic Awards contest are now being accepted by the National Scholastic Press Association, which annually sponsors the competition.

The contest has the approval of the National Association of Secondary School Principals as well as 47 state highschool press associations

and universities.

Prize money totals \$4,000 with \$600 going

to the grand prize winner.

Any highschool student is eligible to enter as many pictures as desired in the four categories—Babies and Children; Young People and Adults; Scenes; and Animal Life. Pictures must be sent before May 1, 1952.

On the back of every picture the student must write his name, street address, city, state, school, grade (9-12), classification, and picture

title (optional).

All entries are to be sent to NSPA National Highschool Photographic Awards, 18 Journalism Building, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

#### ORRICK STUDENTS TAKE EYE TESTS

Some 13 per cent of the children in the Orrick School were shown to have poor vision that needed checking after visual survey tests were given recently.

Dr. George J. Erskine, optometrist of Excelsior Springs, cooperating with the Excelsior Elks who sponsor vision work in Ray, Clay, and Caldwell counties, spent three mornings each week for a month making the survey in grades one through 12.

The tests showed 55.4 per cent of the Orrick children had perfect vision and 31.3 per cent had doubtful vision which needed watching. Tests were given to 370 children and 47 had poor vision which needed checking.

Each student who was found to have an eye condition which needed correcting was given a card urging that a thorough eye examination be made.

Orrick plans to purchase a machine and conduct a similar survey twice each school year, according to Superintendent B. M. Carpenter.

## LIFE ADJUSTMENT DISCUSSED AT ONE-DAY MEETING

Dr. Harl Douglass, director of the College of Education of the University of Colorado, addressed the opening session of a one-day conference on "Life Adjustment Education at Work" Feb. 15 at Washington University in St. Louis.

The conference was sponsored by the department of education of the University in cooperation with the Missouri State Commission for Life Adjustment Education.

Dr. Douglass spoke on "Vitalizing Secondary Education—Fewer Words and More Action!" at the opening session and later in the day gave the summary statement of the conference.

Discussion groups were held on "Discovering and Identifying Needs for Life Adjustment Education," "Life Adjustment Procedures in Improving the Guidance Program," and "Life Adjustment Experiences in Improving the Curriculum." Chairman of the discussions were Dr. H. Pat Wardlaw, assistant commissioner of education, state of Missouri; Dr. Charles A. Lee, department of education, Washington University; and Dr. H. H. London, industrial education, University of Missouri.

#### SALARIES SHOWN IN SURVEY RESULTS

A recent survey conducted by Superintendent N. D. Vogelgesang of the Fairfax public schools shows the annual salary schedules for teachers and administrators of 21 schools in five Northwest Missouri counties.

Vogelgesang sent out questionnaires to 36 schools in highschool districts of six counties, but no reply was received from Worth County schools. Counties surveyed were: Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew, and Gentry.

Results of the study showed that elementary teachers in the area received the lowest salaries, and vocational agriculture instructors were the best paid. Complete results follow:

Position	Med.	Low	No. High	Schls. rep't.
Superintendent	\$4225	\$3700	\$5000	20
H. S. principal	3000	2025	3800	17
Voc. agriculture	3700	3400	3940	9
Voc. home Ec.	3000	2750	3050	5
Coach	3000	2600	3280	14
Music	3000	2450	3600	16
Commerce	2700	2250	3000	17
English	2550	2025	3000	19
Social studies	2700	2050	3100	13
Mathematics	2700	2000	3250	16
Science	2675	2025	3250	14
Industrial arts	3100	2524	3200	3
Elem. principal	2540	2000	2750	4
Elem. teachers	2000	1530	2750	19
Supt's secretary	1200	450	2400	9
Janitor	1876	1200	3000	20
Bus drivers	810	648	1800	15
Lunchr'm workers	675	585	990	9

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#### DEPARTMENT STATUS APPROVED FOR SCHOOL NURSES

A new department of school nurses was approved as an integral part of the Missouri State Teachers Association by the executive committee at its meeting held in Columbia on January 12. The new department brings to 31 the total number of organizations in the Mis-

souri State Teachers Associations.

The department held an organized meeting in connection with the Missouri State Teachers Convention in St. Louis last November. Officers of the department for this year are: Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Schuman, board of education, Hannibal; vice-chairman, Peggy Vaugh, board of education, University City; and secretary, Mrs. Emily Beigel, board of education, North Kansas City.

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## HOLD HEARING ON SCHOOL APPROPRIATION

The Senate Appropriations Committee had a hearing Feb. 5 on that section of House Bill No. 496 (Omnibus Bill) that appropriates 14 million providing \$700 in state aid per teaching unit for the biennium.

Appearing before the committee in behalf of the appropriation were Hubert Wheeler, Commissioner of Education; Mrs. C. W. Detjen, first vice-president, Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers; Philip J. Hickey, chairman, Legislative Committee, Missouri State Teachers Association; and Dr. George Riley, Missouri Association School Administrators.

An array of pertinent and significant information was presented to the committee, a portion of which appears on page 130.

Several of the 11 senators present for a part or all of the hearing asked questions having implications for teachers, administrators, and board members.

One senator was acquainted with a school that had unnecessarily large balances in the teachers' fund, free-textbook fund, and incidental fund. He asked if this practice was widespread. Although adequate balances are necessary, it was evident members of the committee desired that funds should be used currently for the purpose for which they were appropriated and not hoarded for a "rainy day."

Another committee member asked for information about local effort. Statistics were cited to show that local tax rates have since 1939 increased 93.2 per cent in highschool districts and 140.5 per cent in rural districts.

One member wanted to know the use that would be made of this supplementary appropriation. He was assured that the law provided that it could be used for *one* and *only one* purpose—to pay teachers' salaries.

During the course of the friendly two-hour hearing, the impact the 14 million would have on our public school system was clearly demonstrated by those appearing for the appropriation. No one appeared against it.

The legislature was to reconvene February 25. If final disposition of the school appropriation is not made before this issue is received interpretation to members of the Senate of educational needs by laymen, board members, and members of the profession should continue.

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- June 10-Tuesday, Classwork begins, 7 a.m.
- July 4-Friday, Independence Day Holiday.
- July 19-Saturday, First Term in School of Law closes, 4 p.m.
- July 21-Monday, Second Term in School of Law begins, 8 a.m.
- Aug. 1—Friday, Eight Weeks' Summer Session closes, 4 p.m. Summer Commencement, 8 p.m.
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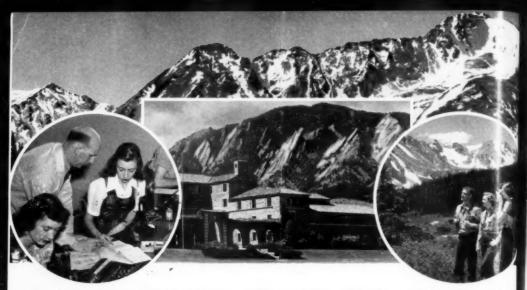
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